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**Please Note:**

**New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR prior to bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

FV-309

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

**This Invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside only; see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.**

Date Issued: May 24, 2007

Dry Edible Beans, Peas, and Lentils, Announcement FV-309, Invitation 028

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dry edible beans, peas, and lentils as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, May 30, 2007.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 4, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

**Offers are invited from the trade for:**

Dry Beans, Pinto

12/2 lb bags

20,160 cases

This invitation is to provide USDA commodities to the victims that were affected by severe agricultural freeze in California. Since there is a great need to deliver the product as soon as possible, delivery timeframes on this invitation will begin immediately. **If you are unable to meet the early delivery periods, do not bid on them.** Inspection issues resulting from the need to deliver product quickly will be handled by Commodity Procurement Branch on a case by case basis. **Please note, it's the vendor's responsibility to have timely deliveries and to deliver good quality and condition of the product.**

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking



will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-309; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Dry, Edible Beans, Peas and Lentils, dated April 2004; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-309, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

**Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk (\*).**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV309  
 INVITATION : 028  
 COMM GROUP : 42 LEGUMES, DRY  
 COMM TYPE : 30 BEANS, PINTO, DRY  
 PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB PKG

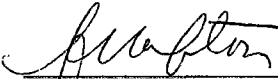
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/07 - 07/15/07					
001	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,360	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/07 - 07/31/07					
002	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,360	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/07 - 08/15/07					
003	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,360	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/07 - 08/31/07					
004	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,360	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/07 - 09/15/07					
005	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,360	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/07 - 09/30/07					
006	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,360	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				20,160	

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Contracting Officer

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